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ACIP's 2012-13 Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

Today's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) includes, "[Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) – United States, 2012-13 Influenza Season](#)." These recommendations address changes/updates for the following topics:

- influenza vaccine virus strains included in the U.S. seasonal influenza vaccine for 2012–13;
- guidance for the use of influenza vaccines during the 2012–13 season, including an updated vaccination schedule for children aged 6 months through 8 years and a description of available vaccine products and indications;
- febrile seizures associated with administration of influenza and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate (PCV-13) vaccines;
- vaccination recommendations for persons with a history of egg allergy; and
- the development of quadrivalent influenza vaccines for use in future influenza seasons.

Updated MDCH materials regarding the 2012-13 influenza season will be posted on the [seasonal flu website](#). The materials will include vaccine doses for [children aged 6 months through 8 years](#), recommendations regarding persons with an egg allergy, and additional flu vaccine documents.

MICHIGAN'S FIRST VARIANT H3N2 (H3N2v) CASES

On August 15, 2012, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) announced that the first case of variant H3N2 influenza infection in Michigan has been reported in a Washtenaw County child. Michigan joins the national investigation of recent H3N2v cases. A press release is posted [here](#) and the following guidance document, "Interim Influenza Surveillance, Reporting and Testing Guidance for Healthcare Providers" is posted [here](#). CDC is updating the national situations [here](#).

News Articles

- [Three states report new cases of variant H3N2](#)

Flu in Healthy Pigs

In a new [Emerging Infectious Diseases \(EID\)](#) study researchers found that in a sampling of pigs shown at the Minnesota State Fair during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic 19% were infected with flu viruses, even though they looked healthy. The findings highlight the challenges of preventing pigs and humans from passing flu viruses back and forth at fairs and swine shows, especially this summer when several states are tracking human illnesses from H3N2v.

Additional Influenza News Articles

- [NIH Study Suggests Potential Hurdle to Universal Flu Vaccine Development May Be Overcome](#)

HealthMap Vaccine Finder

The [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) is now available to promote flu and other adult vaccinations to the public. On August 27, Vaccine Finder will highlight the availability of all forms of influenza vaccine (traditional flu shot, nasal spray, intradermal and high dose). Later this year, the Vaccine Finder will expand to cover 10 adult vaccines and help individuals locate practices that administer the wide spectrum of adult vaccines. All providers have the opportunity to enter information on their vaccine services into the database. If you already have a Vaccine Finder account, it is now time to enter your data [here](#). Go to [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) if you have not already signed up for an account and would like to have your practice listed on HealthMap Vaccine Finder.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Join MDCH and MSU on August 29 from 1-2pm for a Webinar to kick-off the 2012-13 Influenza Season. A flyer for the webinar was sent on August 14, 2012; if you did not receive it please contact Cristi Carlton at carltonc2@michigan.gov.

ASHP Webinar Series

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) is offering [a series of webinars](#) intended to increase adult immunization among hospitalized adult patients.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

[National Immunization Awareness Month](#) (NIAM) highlights the need for improving national immunization coverage levels and encourages all people to protect their health by being immunized against infectious diseases.

FLU RESOURCES

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